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DIGITAL STILL CAMERA

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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2000, please consider the following remarks.

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. For the reasons set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is allowable over the cited references.

In the final office action dated June 19, 2000, the previous rejections were maintained based on the Examiner's opinion that "there is no nexus between the photos in the affidavit and the drawings in the applications to establish reduction to practice or conception prior to 10-11-1991, the affidavit is not considered." Thus, claims 1, 6 and 12 are rejected under § 102(a) as being anticipated by Iwasaki (JP'588A), and the other claims rejected under § 103(a) over Iwasaki in view of the Sason '107 patent.